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TEN THOUSAND LIVES LOST

GREATEST DISASTER IN HISTORY OF CHINA REPORTED.

CAUSED BY A TIDAL WAVE

Tidal Wave Swept Up River at Hankow and Banks Are Strewn With Thousands of the Dead Bodies of Chinese.

Seattle, Wash., May 13.—News of the greatest disaster China has ever known, a sudden tidal bore in the Yang-Tse-Kang river, which involved a loss of nearly ten thousand lives at Hankow, is brought by the steamer Titan, arriving here last night.

The bore swept the river without warning, carrying all junks and small craft before it.

Thousands of Chinese sleeping in the crafts and huts by the river were enveloped.

The river side is strewn with thousands of dead and much debris for many miles.

PICK UPS HERE AND THERE.

C. W. Green, a young business man of Joplin, Mo., arrived in the city yesterday evening. He came here to attend the funeral of his sister, Rena Monstee, the unfortunate woman who succumbed by taking carbolic acid. He says he will remove the remains to the old home in Missouri.

J. W. Johnson of Milo is in the city. Mr. Johnson has a piece of property here which he wants to give in exchange for a larger home and pay the difference. He will move his family to Ardmore and make this his home. The good schools are attracting him.

District Judge Stillwell H. Russell was delayed in Sulphur today where he went to attend the state medical meeting and no court was held, the day would have been an important one for the lawyers for the reason that the civil docket was to have been set and the jury cases were to have been separated from the non-jury cases.

The sheriff's office is in receipt of news from Hickory which states that deputies are on the close trail of the man who stole Judge Pfeiffer's horse and they are of the opinion that they will capture both horse and thief. There are no new developments in the King and Crosthwaite thefts. Both of these lost horses but no trace of them has been found.

Mrs. Niblack, county superintendent of public instruction, is today examining the text of a book on "Applied Grammar and Introduction to English Composition," of which Angelo C. Scott, former president of the A. & M. college at Stillwater is the author. Mr. Scott will present his work to the text book commission of the state and ask that body to adopt it as one of the school text books of the state.

Attorneys A. C. Cruce and W. B. Johnson are at Duncan engaged in the trial of F. F. Saunders, who is charged with murder. W. B. Johnson representing the prosecution and A. C. Cruce the defense. The evidence is all in and the case will go to the jury tonight.

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POLICE COURT.

There was a slight increase in business in police circles today, there being two cases on the docket today against one yesterday, one being a plain drunk and the other for wife beating and disturbing the peace, the drunk was assessed the usual nine dollar fine with one dollar extra for his ride in the hoodlum wagon, as he had on such a jag that walking was impossible. The wife beater pleaded guilty and was given the lowest fine for such cases, twelve dollars and fifty cents. The amount of drunks are gradually growing less, whether it is a scarcity of booze or money is hard to tell, probably a little of each. The county officers are working very hard to stop the sale of whiskey, and have about all the joints closed, and the fellow that is in the habit of dropping in occasionally and wetting his whistle, will now have to catch the bootlegger and buy his bottle.

HOUSE FOR VREELAND BILL.

Rules Committee Favorable to This Financial Bill.

Washington, D. C., May 13.—The rules committee of the house this afternoon brought in a rule for the passage tomorrow of the Vreeland currency bill, under a suspension of the rules.

VICTIM OF THE MOROS.

Governor of La'ao Dies of Wounds. Native of Maryland.

Manila, P. I., May 13.—Allen Gard, governor of La'ao, is dead as a result of a hole wound inflicted by the Moros.

He was from Maryland.

RAIN FELL IN TORRENTS

STREETS AND SOME BUSINESS HOUSES FLOODED.

SOME HAIL BUT LITTLE WIND

Slight Damage From Water in Town. First Ward School Building in Bad Shape—Reports From Country Anxiously Awaited.

More than one and a half inches of rain fell this morning in a very few minutes and the streets were flooded. The basement of the Odd Fellows building has about three feet of water, the basement under Ramsey's drug store is also flooded. Caddo street was the scene of the greatest loss. Here the sewers became clogged and an overflow resulted. Some of the stores stood six inches in water and several grocery stocks were injured. Some hail accompanied the heavy rain but no wind of a force sufficient to be destructive.

At Franklin school building in the First ward, the water ran in in such torrents that Miss Woods, who is in charge of the primary department on the lower floor was compelled to move the little ones up stairs, and not without having to wade through several inches of water. The cement in the foundation has broken and is in need of repair or serious trouble might result.

The telephone lines are working badly and reports from the country districts have not reached us.

Heavy rains are reported on the Rock Island. Ryan and Waurika are drenched, and at Duncan the rain was accompanied by wind that unroofed several houses and injured one woman.

Fortnightly Musical Club.

The club meets on Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. R. Moore near the high school, southwest. The program will be of special interest and begins at 4 o'clock. This is the last meeting of the season, and important business is to be transacted, two officers chosen and the work of next season planned, therefore a full attendance is desirable. Members should come prepared to pay dues if not already paid.

TEXAS HOMES SWEEP AWAY

TWISTER STRIKES TOWN OF CRANDALL AND GETS BUSY

FIFTY HOUSES ARE WRECKED

Storm Spreads to Many Other Points. Woman Killed Near Leonard. Storm at Gainesville—Boy Killed by Lightning.

Crandall, Tex., May 12.—A cyclone struck this place at 8:30 tonight. It was a regular twister. About fifty houses were wrecked, but no one was killed. Several were slightly and more or less painfully injured. Few people had time to get to storm houses, the cyclone swept upon them so suddenly. Several residences and the Christian church were completely wrecked.

The Shelton hotel is wrecked. A car of merchandise and an empty stock car were blown off the siding and turned over.

All telephone wires are down and telegraph lines are down east of here. The westbound passenger, due here at 9:43 p. m., was delayed on account of the track being obstructed by a residence and seed house blown across the track.

It is impossible to get any news from the surrounding country at this hour.

Several families lost everything; their houses and furniture were completely blown away.

Leonard, Tex., May 12.—A cyclone struck two and a half miles east of here this afternoon at 4 o'clock, completely destroying the home of H. E. Lowdry.

Mrs. Bowdry was killed and Mr. Bowdry severely injured. Other particulars of damage in the country are unobtainable at this time.

Toga, Tex., May 12.—Henry Krone, 14 years of age, was killed by lightning about 3 o'clock this afternoon during a terrific thunderstorm.

He had started home from school and was struck when about 100 feet from the school building.

Gainesville, Tex., May 13.—Gainesville and nearly the entire county east of here was visited by a heavy storm this afternoon. All the telephone wires leading to the small towns in the county east of here are blown down, and no communication can be had with them, but it is learned that many outhouses are damaged or blown down and that growing crops were almost washed away.

In this city the wind reached a high velocity and the heaviest rain known for years flooded the business section of town. No fatalities have at this hour been reported from over the county.

Bonham, Tex., May 12.—The heaviest rain that has fallen here in several weeks fell this afternoon for about two hours, amounting to almost a cloudburst. Several bridges are reported gone and considerable damage is done to crops. A heavy wind accompanied the rain. Several houses near Bonham were blown from their blocks. The residence of Mrs. Evans Edhub was demolished and several barns in the vicinity were destroyed. No one is reported hurt.

RETURN LICENSE MONEY

OKLAHOMA TOWNS MUST REIMBURSE SALOON MEN FOR UNEXPIRED LICENSES.

Guthrie, Okla., May 13.—(Special) The supreme court today handed down an opinion holding that unearned money on saloon licenses must be returned to the liquor men.

The case came here from Oklahoma City. The opinion was written by Justice Turner and was concurred in by all.

In all thousands of dollars is affected. The decision of the district court was reversed.

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION BILL PASSES SENATE UNANIMOUSLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 13.—(Special)—THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE WITHOUT A DISSENTING VOTE.

THE MOST IMPORTANT AMENDMENT ADOPTED IS ONE PROVIDING FOR A RECONSIDERATION BY THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OF THOUSANDS OF INDIANS, WHOSE CLAIMS WERE DEFEATED BY THE CITIZENSHIP COURT.

THINKS THEY'LL COMPROMISE

MR. THOMPSON OF CORNISH IS HOPEFUL FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

G. W. Thompson of Cornish was here today en route from Tuskahoma to his home. Mr. Thompson is a three-quarter Indian and is interested in proposed legislation with reference to the removal of restrictions. He says that he saw a letter recently from Peter J. Hudson, a full-blood Indian, who is in Washington as a special representative of the Choctaw nation working for the removal of restrictions along the lines mapped out by Gov. McCurtain. In this letter Mr. Hudson says that it is his opinion that Senators Davis and Owen will compromise and that a measure of some kind will be passed for the removal of restrictions.

DALLAS TRADE EXCURSION

PARTY OF BUSINESS MEN ARRIVE ON SCHEDULE TIME.

ADMIRE ARDMORE ASPHALT

Was Agreeable Commented Upon. Some Were Driven Over the City—Others Renewed Business Associations.

The Dallas Trade Excursion reached Ardmore this morning at 6 o'clock on schedule time and departed north over the Santa Fe at 8:30. The hour was early although the excursionists were met by a large number of people. Some were driven over the city and others preferred to make a canvass of the town meeting their customers. Those who have previously visited the town were agreeably surprised at the growth and change of appearance in the city. The paving came in for a large share of the comments and some of the commissioners of Dallas were present. They observed the paving with a view of using Ardmore asphalt on their streets. The News, the Herald and other papers were represented with their reporters and staff photographers and several views were made. The Trade Excursion band entertained the people with music. The excursion train was equipped with sleepers and diners and the excursionists were surrounded with everything for comfort and convenience. Of course in this prohibition country that brought none of the Dallas variety that makes the mouth of a prohibitionist water. The crowd was a genial one and the Ardmore people regret that the schedule placed them here at an hour when a formal entertainment could not be provided. Any way the excursionists were out for business and they were pleased with their visit to Ardmore.

Nitroglycerin Wagons Barred. Tulsa, Okla., May 12.—Fearing an explosion which might blow Tulsa off the map, the city council in special session today enacted an ordinance forbidding loaded nitroglycerin wagons passing through the city. These wagons, carrying enough nitroglycerin to cause a small earthquake, have been passing through town every morning from a factory north of the city en route to south oil fields. Residents of the north side are now in court seeking an injunction to forbid the Western Torpedo company from manufacturing nitroglycerin at the present location, a half mile from the city limits.

Honor Davis' Memory. Richmond, Va., May 12.—Gov. Swanson today issued a proclamation requesting the people of Virginia to observe June 3, the centennial of President Davis' birth, as a holiday. On that day the Davis monument erected here by the Jefferson Davis Monument association will be turned over to the city.

Barn Burns During Storm. Wilburton, Okla., May 12.—During a severe electrical storm here this evening lightning struck and set fire to the livery barn of James B. Davis, almost completely destroying it, with about \$300 worth of feed and killing one fine horse. The loss will be \$2,000, fully covered by insurance.

County Surveyor Ham is engaged in making plats of the townships of the county showing the school districts, so that assessed property will show in its proper district.

Most things trace back to the farm. Even the merry widow hat had its prototype in the broad-brimmed field hat of straw.

A NOTABLE GATHERING

ROOSEVELT, MANY GOVERNORS AND INDUSTRIAL GIANTS MEET.

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

President Roosevelt, Andrew Carnegie and Dr. I. C. White Delivered Addresses to the Conference Today.

Washington, D. C., May 13.—One of the most notable gatherings ever met to consider great public questions is that at the white house today.

The occasion is a conference between President Roosevelt and the governors of practically all of the states and territories of the union to consider the broad question of the conservation of the country's natural resources. The conference will continue until Friday.

Representing the government at the conference are the president, vice president, cabinet, justices of supreme court and members of congress.

The industries are represented by Andrew Carnegie, the iron master; James J. Hill, the genius of railroad expansion, John Mitchell, the labor leader, and Dr. I. C. White, the leading coal expert of the United States. The president delivered an address at the opening of the conference on "Conservation as a National Duty." The program for the day included addresses by Andrew Carnegie and Dr. White.

The local lodge of Elks has been busy with their annual roundup and at the meeting last night a herd of twenty-seven were run into the corral and at the proper time will be branded and antlered and made full fledged Elks. Those elected to membership last night were: H. D. McCollum, W. T. Adams, H. T. Nisbett, John S. Cadel, John F. Easley, C. S. Riley, Tom Frame, Tom Earp, C. E. Carter, F. E. Lamb, W. P. Flow, R. H. Lewis, E. C. Jones, L. M. Frame, J. W. Hanna, C. W. Dobbins, C. B. Clark, R. C. Poland, B. H. Young, C. G. Liser, Homer Adams. The following applicants for membership from Sulphur were also elected: C. T. Jenks, O. G. McAdams, S. W. Frost, Clay J. Webster, B. F. White and T. J. Hartman. This makes a class of twenty-seven that will be initiated on the evening of May 25. On this occasion the Elks will put on a parade that will compare with anything the Shriners have ever done. The street parade will be given at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and will be followed by a banquet and the initiatory ceremonies at the Elk club rooms in the evening. Every novice will be clad in a suit peculiarly becoming to him; decorated floats will be in line and the first regiment band will be given a prominent part in the parade. The Elks of Ardmore is the liveliest fraternal order in the state. They own a magnificent three-story brick building with elegant club rooms and furnishings.

At the conclusion of the business session last evening a smoker was enjoyed and the Franklin Stock company band favored the club with music. It was decided at the meeting last night to give a benefit at the Ardmore for the purchase of appropriate badges for the Dallas meeting.

Commerce Building Badly Damaged. Loss Fifty Thousand Dollars. St. Joseph, Mo., May 13.—The Commerce building in South St. Joseph, occupied by the Citizens bank and three stores was damaged to the amount of \$50,000 by fire today.

Bivens, Corbin & Frenshy have a car of new barbed wire.

WILL INSTRUCT FOR TAFT

CALIFORNIA'S DELEGATES TO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION FOR THE SECRETARY.

San Francisco, Cal., May 13.—General George Stone, chairman of the republican state committee, announced today that a primary taken by the republican electors of California showed a majority for Taft of large numbers over Roosevelt, and that the delegates to the national convention will be instructed for Taft.

Transferring Pupils. In Carter county outside of Ardmore there are twelve school districts for negroes. In cases where white children reside in these districts they will be transferred to white districts. In the same part of the county there are 50 white school districts and negroes who reside in these districts will also be allowed to transfer out. Arrangements will also be made to transfer the property for school taxation in instances where the pupils are transferred.

Attention Rebekah's.

All members of the Rebekah Lodge are urgently requested to be present Thursday night, regardless of weather conditions, to assist in the organization of a new degree staff. All the work has been carefully mapped out and at least twenty members will be required to produce the work effectively and impressively. Thorough organization at the start is desired and to this end request is again urgently made that all will be present and assist in the work. By order of NOBLE GRAND.

LOCAL ELKS GET BUSY

CLASS OF TWENTY-SEVEN ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP

BIG STREET PARADE MAY 26

Order Has a Way of Doing Things and Prospects Are Ripe That a Surprise Will Be Given the Citizens Shortly.

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DENIES ANY CONFESSION

RAY LAMPHERE SAYS HE DID NOT CONFESS TO SCHELL.

KANSAN A SUPPOSED VICTIM

Inquiry From Osage City Leads Officers to Suspect That Man From That Place Was Murdered at the Guinness Farm.

Laporte, Ind., May 13.—Unless the debris in the cellar of the Guinness house results in startling discoveries today, the production of further tangible evidence of the tragedy is not likely.

Ray Lamphere, who is confined in prison here, today denied that he had made any confession to E. A. Schell or any other.

Coroner Mack today received from Osage, Kansas, an inquiry concerning Emil Tell, who left that city some time ago to come to Laporte.

Tell is said to have had three thousand dollars with him. His relatives have heard nothing from him since.

THREE MORE STORM VICTIMS

ARE ADDED TO LIST OF NEBRASKA'S DEAD—FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE.

Omaha, Neb., May 13.—Reports, which came in glowingly today from last night's tornado stricken district, south of this city, add three more victims to the list of dead and place the monetary damage at fifty million dollars. The casualty list continues to grow as communication is partially restored with five towns, Bellevue, Pappillon, Richfield, Meadows and Louisville, which suffered most.

The number of injured, some of whom sustained serious injuries, will reach fifty.

NEW TRIAL FOR DRIGGERS

SUPREME COURT ORDERS NEW HEARING FOR THE ALLEGED MURDERER.

Guthrie, Okla., May 13.—In the case of B. F. Driggers, charged with murder, appealed from the Southern district of Indian Territory, the decision of the lower court was reversed and a new trial ordered for the alleged slayer.

EPWORTH LEAGUE WORK

SULPHUR MAKES STRONG BID FOR PERMANENT STATE HEADQUARTERS.

W. G. Ditzler, state president of the Epworth League, has returned from Sulphur, where he has been seeing about the annual encampment of the league. Sulphur has proposed to give the league ten acres of land and \$3,000 to locate permanent state headquarters in that town. Mr. Ditzler went to see if the land was forthcoming and to learn where it is to be located. He reports that Sulphur is ready to make good but the land had not been definitely located yet.

Funeral Postponed.

The funeral of Mrs. Lawrence which was to have taken place at 2 o'clock today, has been postponed until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, on account of the very heavy rain.

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